

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4 of First Extraordinary Session

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Garland DeLozier upon his receipt of the Distinguished Service Award by the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those individuals who through their personal endeavors, have made noteworthy accomplishments and are credits to their respective families, communities, and to the state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Garland DeLozier, who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition for being awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation at its 77th annual convention in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor that a Farm Bureau volunteer can receive; and

WHEREAS, this elite award is most befitting for Garland DeLozier and his meritorious service to the Farm Bureau and the Blount County community; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award was developed to honor Farm Bureau volunteers who are active participants in local, state, and national agricultural meetings and events; and

WHEREAS, only 250 Farm Bureau volunteers have had this high honor bestowed on them since its implementation in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeLozier is one of only five other chosen recipients who distinguished themselves as leaders in service to their families, communities, and the Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Garland has been an active and devout member of the Blount County Farm Bureau since 1948, when he decided to obtain insurance on his new home in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, during much of the 1950s, Mr. DeLozier was elected and served with acumen as President of the Blount County Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Garland cites the Farm Bureau as being a good experience and a great group of people; and

WHEREAS, after eight fruitful years as a part-time farmer, Garland wisely decided to make farming his full-time occupation; and

WHEREAS, thirty years after coming to this decision, Mr. DeLozier switched from dairy farming to the lucrative business of beef-cattle producing, a shrewd move that has paid off for the past twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Garland DeLozier expressed an active interest in farming early on when he was a Future Farmers of America charter member in 1938 at Porter High School, in addition to being a member of Future Homemakers and Farmers; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded man who takes pride in his community, Mr. DeLozier has been active in local and state politics in order to make Blount County the wonderful place it is today; he was the local campaign chairman for Lamar Alexander when he was elected governor in 1978 and was the first farmer to serve as the local Chamber of Commerce chairman in 1981; and

WHEREAS, he has also served with alacrity on the county commission, school board, hospital and bank boards, along with being an integral member of the Maryville Kiwanis Club, Gideons International, the state board of Soil Conservation Services, and was the distinguished president of the Knoxville Milk Producers Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the Farm Bureau, Mr. DeLozier still finds time to faithfully worship the Lord as a devout member of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, honorably serving as a deacon for 50 years and providing many years of jail ministry; and

WHEREAS, Garland exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Garland is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his adoring wife, Tommie Joyce; and

WHEREAS, Garland DeLozier is a never-ending source of inspiration and pride to those who know and cherish him and is tremendously admired by friends and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeLozier is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Garland DeLozier for his dedication to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Garland DeLozier upon his receipt of the Distinguished Service Award by the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, for his service to the state of Tennessee, and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.